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Wednesday

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Wedding Windfall

From flowers to photography, Christopher Cahill and Richard Marshall expect to spend at least \$75,000 on their D.C. wedding. It's no wonder local businesses are extending a warm welcome to same-sex couples who plan to celebrate their Big Day in the District **12**



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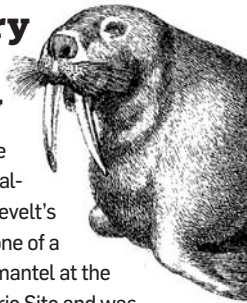
Manhattan chef Daniel Angerer has posted a recipe on his blog for what he calls "My spouse's mommy milk cheese." His wife had more breast milk than their daughter needed, and when their small freezer ran out of space, Angerer decided to experiment. A photo on his blog features the cheese encrusted with maple caramelized pumpkin and Concord grapes. (AP)

If You Want to Own a Soul, Just Donate to a Politician

Two glass vials purportedly containing the ghosts of dead people sold for \$1,983 at an auction Monday in New Zealand. The seller said they were the spirits of an old man who lived in her house during the 1920s and a little girl who turned up after a session with a Ouija board. An exorcism last July led to their capture. (AP)

FBI's Symmetry Enforcement Team at Ready

Authorities are hunting for the person who stole a 15-inch walrus tusk from Theodore Roosevelt's home on Long Island. It was one of a pair displayed on a fireplace mantel at the Sagamore Hill National Historic Site and was discovered missing Feb. 22. The FBI has added the tusk to its national stolen art list. (AP)



The Big Picture



BRAZIL'S FAMED Christ the Redeemer statue is looking less majestic than usual as scaffolding is built around it for a cleaning procedure. The 125-foot-tall statue, which was finished in 1931, resides in Rio de Janeiro. Brazil's Catholic Church was outraged when the statue was (fictitiously) destroyed in the film "2012." (EXPRESS)

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Feds Investigate Runaway Prius

Calif. man says his Toyota was stuck at 94 mph on freeway

El Cajon, Calif.

A Toyota Prius that sped out of control on a California freeway was towed to a dealership Tuesday while federal and company inspectors converged on the car to determine whether a stuck gas pedal was to blame.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration sent two investigators to examine the car after Monday's incident, said Olivia Alair, a spokeswoman for the Department of Transportation. Toyota Motor Corp. spokesman Brian Lyons said the automaker is sending three of its own technicians to investigate.

James Sikes, 61, told authorities that the accelerator malfunctioned Monday as he drove his Prius on Interstate 8 in San Diego County. The car reached 94 mph during the 20 minutes before a California Highway Patrol officer helped get the Prius driver to slow down and



Driver James Sikes talks about his experience driving a Prius that wouldn't stop Tuesday at a Toyota dealership in El Cajon, Calif.

turn off the engine.

The incident comes while Toyota is fighting fears over the safety of its vehicles, which had been revered for their safety and reliability.

Patty Sikes said the family's 2008 Prius appeared to have an accelerator malfunction a few weeks ago, but it was brief.

The family got a recall notice and took it to Toyota of El Cajon

about two weeks ago, but the dealership refused to examine the car, Patty Sikes said.

"They said it must be a mistake because we weren't on the [recall] list," she said.

James Sikes said he called an emergency number Monday after accelerating to pass another car on Interstate 8 near La Posta.

"I pushed the gas pedal to pass a car and it did something kind of

funny. ... It jumped and it just stuck there," he said.

A patrol car pulled alongside the Prius and the officer told Sikes over a loudspeaker to push the brake pedal to the floor and apply the emergency brake.

The braking, coupled with a steep rise on the freeway, slowed the car to about 50 mph. Sikes then shut off the engine and the car coasted to a stop. **ELLIOT SPAGAT (AP)**

Prosecutors: 'Jihad Jane' Case Defies Stereotypes

National Security

Federal prosecutors unsealed criminal terrorism charges Tuesday against a Pennsylvania woman who allegedly used the Internet to recruit men and women around the globe to "wage violent jihad."

Colleen R. LaRose, a U.S. citizen who used the nicknames "Fatima LaRose" and "Jihad Jane," has been in custody for months while the FBI and Justice Department pursued leads in the investigation, according to federal sources.

LaRose and five unidentified co-conspirators allegedly discussed how her appearance would help her blend into Western society and avoid detection by authorities.

The indictment against LaRose "underscores the evolving nature of the threat we face," said David Kris, assistant attorney general for the national security division.

Michael L. Levy, the U.S. attorney in Philadelphia, said the case "demonstrates the very real danger lurking on the Internet" and "shatters any lingering thought that we can spot a terrorist based on appearance." **(THE WASHINGTON POST)**

I'm Sorry!

CONTRITION

A graduate student from China who slipped under a rope barrier at Newark Liberty International Airport in New Jersey to say goodbye to his girlfriend — prompting a security breach and worldwide flight delays — pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor charge Tuesday. "I want to deeply apologize to those [affected by] my breach," Haisong Jiang said. "I just wanted to spend more time with my girlfriend. I made a big mistake, and I also learned a big lesson." **(AP)**

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Massa: Charges Untrue

**Ex-lawmaker admits
he groped staffer but
says it wasn't sexual**

Washington

Former representative Eric Massa, D-N.Y., said Tuesday that he groped a congressional staffer while he was in office, but he denied that it was a sexual incident.

"I tickled him until he couldn't breathe, and then four guys jumped on top of me. It was my 50th birthday," Massa said on Glenn Beck's Fox News Channel show. He added, "You can take anything out of context."

He denied that he did anything sexual or criminal with congres-

sional staff. The Washington Post reported Tuesday that Massa has been under investigation by the



Massa

House ethics committee for allegedly groping male staffers working in his office.

Massa criticized the timing of the Post report, calling it "odd."

It was Massa's first televised appearance since saying last Friday that he would resign from Congress, citing an investigation by the House ethics committee into allegations of inappropriate conduct.

Beck tried several times to get Massa to explain why he would

choose to quit the House rather than stay to fight the allegations. But Massa said the proper thing for him to do was to resign: "I'm saying my behavior was wrong. I should have never allowed myself to be as familiar with my staff as I was."

Massa said he had lived in Washington with single male staffers, "all the bachelors and me," until his chief of staff objected. "So, I moved into my office," he said.

The statements came two days after Massa said he had been forced out by House leaders over his opposition to a health care bill. The former lawmaker also said last Wednesday that he would not run for re-election, because of health worries. (THE WASHINGTON POST)

Fabric of the Nation



FIRST LADY MICHELLE OBAMA and her mother, Marian Robinson, look at a display of Obama's inaugural gown and accessories on Tuesday at the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History in Washington. In keeping with tradition, Obama donated the one-shouldered, white chiffon gown to the museum for public display in its first ladies exhibit.



CONSERVATION

Biologists in Fresno, Calif., are celebrating the first condor egg laid by a mating pair inside Pinnacles National Monument park in more than a century. The egg marks the latest encouraging development in the recovery of the endangered flying giants in the regions they historically inhabited. The effort has been hampered by hunters and lead poisoning of the birds. Biologists confirmed the presence of the egg after hiking to the site last week. (AP)

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3-D TVs Arrive in Stores

Manufacturers hope immersive viewing will catch on in U.S.

New York

Samsung and Panasonic will start selling 3-D TVs in U.S. stores this week, inaugurating what TV makers hope is the era of 3-D viewing in the living room.

Samsung Electronics Co. announced Tuesday that it is selling two 3-D sets. Combined with the required glasses and a 3-D Blu-ray player, the prices start at about \$3,000 for a 46-inch screen.

Panasonic Corp. has said it will sell its first 3-D set Wednesday.

The push into the living room comes as moviegoers have shown considerable enthusiasm for 3-D fare in the theater. This past weekend, "Alice in Wonderland" grossed an estimated \$116.2 million at the box office, beating the first-weekend receipts of "Avatar," the winter's 3-D blockbuster.

Although it's clear that 3-D sets for the home will appeal to technology and home-theater enthusiasts, it



A model in Tokyo watches a 3-D television that Sony Corp unveiled on Tuesday.

remains to be seen whether the TVs will entice regular consumers.

The 3-D effect requires viewers to wear relatively bulky glasses that need to be recharged occasionally. They're not like the cheap throw-aways that have been used in theaters since the 1950s. When you're wearing the new glasses, room lights and computer screens may look like they're flickering, making it difficult to combine 3-D viewing with other activities.

And for now, there isn't much to watch in 3-D. Samsung is includ-

ing a 3-D copy of "Monsters vs. Aliens" on Blu-ray discs with its packages, in a deal with the studio, DreamWorks Animation SKG Inc. Its CEO, Jeffrey Katzenberg, said that it would convert its "Shrek" movies to 3-D for Samsung TV buyers later this year.

"We continue to see this amazing level of enthusiasm and excitement for 3-D. The rate of adoption for this into the cinema has been a rocket ship these last couple of months," Katzenberg said.
PETER SVENSSON (AP)

48 The percentage of children born in the United States in 2008 who were born to minorities in 2008, according to the latest Census estimates. Demographers say 2010 could be the "tipping point" year when babies born to minorities outnumber babies born to whites. (AP)

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Biden Criticizes New Israeli Plan

VP says construction project undermines Mideast peace talks

Jerusalem

Vice President Joe Biden condemned an Israeli plan to build hundreds of homes in disputed east Jerusalem on Tuesday, casting a cloud over a high-profile visit that had been aimed at repairing ties with the Jewish state and kick-starting Mideast peace talks.

Israel's Interior Ministry said late Tuesday that it had approved construction of 1,600 new apartments, an embarrassing setback for

Biden after a day of warm meetings with top Israeli officials.

Although ministry officials said the announcement was procedural and unconnected to the visit, a top aide to Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said he was blindsided and tried to contain the damage at a late-night dinner with Biden.

Nonetheless, Biden issued a harshly worded statement after the dinner, saying its timing was especially troubling by coming on the eve of a new round of U.S.-mediated peace talks.

"The substance and timing of the announcement ... is precisely the kind of step that undermines the trust we need right now," Biden said.



Vice President Joe Biden speaks at the Israeli prime minister's home Tuesday.

"We must build an atmosphere to support negotiations, not complicate them," he added, warning

that "unilateral action taken by either party cannot prejudice the outcome of negotiations."

Relations between Israel and the Obama administration have been chilly because of the settlement issue, and one of Biden's goals had been to patch up ties. Biden is the highest-level member of the Obama administration to visit Israel.

The U.S., like the Palestinians and the rest of the international community, believes that Israeli settlements built on lands claimed by the Palestinians, including east Jerusalem, undermine peace prospects. President Obama has been more outspoken on the issue than his predecessors. ARON HELLER (AP)



Robert Gates greets Afghan tribal leaders in Now Zad, Afghanistan, Tuesday.

Gates Sees Progress In Afghan Village

Now Zad, Afghanistan

Defense Secretary Robert Gates, aiming to show progress in the war against insurgents in south Afghanistan, took a heavily guarded walk Tuesday down a street in this town where the Taliban lobbed mortars at U.S. forces only weeks ago.

Now Zad was the scene of the first significant military push following President Obama's announcement in December that he would add 30,000 troops to the 17,000 reinforcements he had already sent into the war.

Marines moved into Now Zad last December and pushed out Taliban fighters who had seized the town four years ago and forced civilians to flee. The campaign in Marjah and the coming fight in Kandahar are patterned on Now Zad.

On his brief tour of Now Zad, Gates talked to shopkeepers who are among about 2,500 people who have returned to the city. "A few months ago this place was a ghost town, a no-go zone," Gates told Marines. "Now, as I saw for myself, stores are opening; people are returning."

Meanwhile, a suicide attack at a joint NATO-Afghan base in eastern Afghanistan killed two international service members, the military alliance said. (AP)

Israel, Syria To Seek Nuclear Power Plants

Paris

Dual announcements Tuesday by bitter rivals Israel and Syria that they want to pursue atomic power plants could complicate the diplomatic storm over Iran's nuclear program and fuel a widening web of suspicion across the Mideast.

In a region where few trust each other to keep a nuclear program peaceful, Israel — which is widely thought to have a secret nuclear weapons program — is unlikely to accept Syrian assurances its program is civilian.

Israeli Infrastructure Minister Uzi Landau announced his country's intentions at a nuclear energy conference in Paris, painting them instead in earth-friendly tones. "We need this energy source because it is environmentally clean," he said.

Meanwhile, Syrian Deputy Foreign Minister Faysal Mekdad, also at the Paris conference, said his country would like to consider alternative energy sources, "including nuclear energy," to meet rising demand. (AP)

A Crowd-Pleaser on Any Continent



TAI SHAN, the giant panda who was born and raised in Washington's National Zoo, walks in his new home in China after he was put on public display for the first time Tuesday. The 4 1/2-year-old panda was released from quarantine into a 320-square-foot room attached to a garden at the Ya'an Bifeng Gorge Breeding Base. Tang Chunxiang, the deputy director of the China Conservation and Research Center for the Giant Panda, said Tai Shan had adjusted well to China and "is having a very happy life."



PETS

Postal workers across Britain may be delighted, but civil libertarians are growling at a new proposal to track the nation's estimated 8 million dogs by forcing owners to microchip their pets and take out insurance on them. The measures are aimed at tackling the growing problem of canines' being used to attack and even kill in a country where guns are tightly controlled and even carrying knives in public can result in a prison sentence. (AP)

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World

In Brief



The wheel of an 18th- or 19th-century shipwreck is seen in the Baltic Sea.

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Ships Found in Baltic Sea

A dozen centuries-old shipwrecks have been found in the Baltic Sea by a gas company building an underwater pipeline between Russia and Germany. The oldest wreck could be up to 800 years old, said Peter Norman of Sweden's National Heritage Board. (AP)

BELFAST, NORTHERN IRELAND

Police Arrest Seven Over Plot to Kill Swedish Artist

Irish police arrested seven people Tuesday over an alleged plot to kill a Swedish artist who depicted the Prophet Muhammad with the body of a dog. Police said four men and three women were detained in morning raids in the counties of Cork and Waterford. (AP)

WASHINGTON

Chile Quake Moved Cities

Researchers say cities and islands physically shifted west during the massive quake in Chile last month. Using a GPS, scientists at Ohio State University and the University of Hawaii found that the city of Concepcion moved at least 10 feet to the west. Chile's capital, Santiago, moved just shy of a foot, and even Buenos Aires, in Argentina, moved an inch. (AP)

AMSTERDAM

China, India Approve Deal on Gas Emissions

China joined India on Tuesday in giving qualified approval to the Copenhagen climate accord calling for voluntary limits on greenhouse gas emissions. The official messages to the U.N. climate change secretariat did little to ease the pessimism that an international agreement on global warming can be concluded this year. (AP)

Missing Body of Cyprus' Ex-President Found

Three arrested after police discover corpse reburied elsewhere

Nicosia, Cyprus

Three months after it was stolen, the corpse of Cyprus' former president was found reburied in another grave and three men were arrested Tuesday in what officials called a case of body-snatching for ransom.

Two spokesmen for former pres-

ident Tassos Papadopoulos' family insisted, however, that his relatives had never received a demand for money.

The right-wing Greek Cypriot hard-liner's body was stolen in December during slow-moving reunification talks with Turkish Cypriot leaders. A lack of clear motive and few clues led to speculation that it could have been politically motivated, but authorities suggested early on that ransom was a more likely scenario.



An investigator looks at the grave where Tassos Papadopoulos' body was found.

STEFANOS KOURATZIS/AP/GETTY IMAGES

The robbers removed a marble plaque from the top of Papadopoulos' grave on the outskirts of Nicosia, then dug down to the coffin and removed the body of the ex-president on Dec. 11, a day before the first anniversary of his death.

The robbers left few leads at the scene. Lime was strewn over the grave in what investigators believe was an attempt to erase any tracks left behind. Investigators sought the help of the FBI and Interpol, and Greek and Israeli law enforce-

ment authorities.

But there was little progress in the investigation until Monday, when police found the body in another cemetery after being alerted by his family, who had received a telephone tip, police spokesman Michalis Katsounotos said. Family spokesman Chrysis Pantelides said a man speaking broken Greek had called with information about the corpse and instructed them to contact police.

DNA testing early Tuesday confirmed it was the body of Papadopoulos, who died in 2008 of lung cancer at 74, Katsounotos said. (AP)

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Cover Story

Weddings Favor District

As same-sex couples head to the altar, local companies see a golden opportunity

Washington

Georgetown residents Christopher Cahill and Richard Marshall consider the \$75,000 wedding that they're planning for June to be their own "personal stimulus package" for the District economy.

They originally intended to have their wedding in Provincetown, Mass., in a state where same-sex marriages have been legal for nearly six years. But as District recognition crept closer to reality, they brought the party back home: They have contracted with nine local businesses to handle everything from flowers to photography to party favors. About 130 guests are expected for their six-course dinner and reception at the downtown W Hotel. And Cahill said he expects their budget will only get bigger.

In the wake of the first same-sex marriages in Washington on Tuesday, the city is in the national spotlight as a pioneer in the gay rights movement. But local officials say the historic event also has more practical implications for a city grappling with 12 percent unemployment: jobs. A study by the non-profit Williams Institute predicted that legalizing same-sex marriage will create 700 jobs and contribute \$52.2 million over three years to the local economy.

"We think it's a great opportunity to capitalize on groups that will be coming to Washington," said Elliott Ferguson, chief executive of Destination D.C., the city's tourism and marketing arm. "It's the nation's capital. It's symbolic."

Businesses are already lining up to cater to what Forbes estimated is a \$16.8 billion national market. A local restaurant answered the phone with "Happy gay marriage day" on Tuesday afternoon. Organizers of the city's first gay and lesbian wedding expo, planned for spring, said



Darlene Garner and Candy Holmes seal their wedding with a kiss on Tuesday, the first day gay couples could marry in D.C.

Historic 'I Do's' in Washington

One bride wore a black suit; the other had on a white one with rhinestones. They walked down the aisle to Billy Joel's "Just the Way You Are" and kissed after the pastor pronounced them "legally married." The Rev. Darlene Garner, 61, and the Rev. Candy Holmes, 53, were among the first same-sex couples to marry in Washington Tuesday, when the District became the sixth place in the country to conduct the unions. "Equality and justice for all" now includes us," Garner said after the ceremony.

Garner and Holmes were one of three couples married at the office of the Human Rights Campaign, which does advocacy work on gay, lesbian and transgender issues. In the other ceremonies, Reggie Stanley and Rocky Galloway married and then carried their 16-month-old twin daughters down the aisle, and Angelisa Young and Sinjoyla Townsend hugged and smiled after being declared "partners in life this day and for always."

"All of us have responsibilities to ensure the success of this joint endeavor," said the Rev. David North, who married Townsend and Young. He asked guests to "respect the life path that they choose together" and "commit to loving them."

About 100 guests stayed for the three ceremonies. A cellist played; arrangements of yellow chrysanthemums, roses and carnations flanked the stage; and cream and gray programs announced the couples' names along with: "Congratulations to the couples on this historic day." (AP)

"You have been in love, and you have recognized it all along. But today, the love that you have recognized in your heart is recognized by the District of Columbia."

— THE REV. DWAYNE JOHNSON, IN PERFORMING THE WEDDING CEREMONY FOR THE REV. DARLENE GARNER AND THE REV. CANDY HOLMES ON D.C.'S FIRST DAY OF GAY MARRIAGE.

\$40,000

The average cost of a heterosexual wedding in D.C. in 2009 (twice the national average), according to the Wedding Report. Gay marriages, however, tend to cost half as much, according to the Rainbow Wedding Network.

2,000

The number of D.C. same-sex couples who could get married thanks to the new law, according to a Williams Institute study, driving \$18 million in spending and \$1 million in taxes.

12,500

The number of couples from out of town that could get married in D.C., many from New York. They could bring \$34.3 million, along with \$3.8 million in taxes, the Williams study says.

hotels have been jockeying to host the expo. Mervis Diamond Importers launched a line of wedding rings targeted at gay couples just in time for the first I do's. The 18-karat gold rings — thick bands without diamonds and made to match each other — run \$1,000 to \$3,000. Other businesses attempting to tap into a new revenue stream are offering discounts as high as 50 percent to win over same-sex couples seeking to tie the knot quickly.

On the first day that couples could apply for same-sex licenses in Washington, Tammy Hagin bought five dozen roses to hand out to folks in line at D.C. Superior Court — along with promotional materials for the nearby Hyatt Regency where she is a publicist, advertising 50 percent off weddings booked this week. "Granted, it was about the offer," Hagin said, "but it was also about their day."

YLAN Q. MUI (THE WASHINGTON POST)

ALEX WONG/GETTY IMAGES

Health Care Rally Hits the Ritz

Group demonstrates at annual meeting of insurance companies

Washington

Labor union members, religious leaders and other activists expressed outrage over what they call greedy insurance companies and urged Congress to pass health care reform during a protest Tuesday in the nation's capital.

Organizers with Health Care for America Now say thousands came in from across the country for the protest.

Former Vermont governor Howard Dean addressed the crowd gathered at Dupont Circle, calling on Congress to take a final vote on the proposed health care overhaul.

"We deserve a vote," he said. "This is a vote about one thing — are you for the insurance companies or for the American people?"

Dean told the crowd that people are losing their insurance every day,



Supporters of national health care legislation demonstrate outside the Ritz-Carlton hotel, as America's Health Insurance Plans policy conference takes place inside.

including people denied coverage by insurance companies because they have preexisting conditions.

Protesters said they are fed up with rising premiums, denials of care and claims, and insurance companies' efforts to thwart reform. They said they want to hold the industry accountable for

its actions.

Edna Hines, 62, of Hyattsville, Md., said as a baby boomer she's concerned about health coverage as her generation ages.

"I see that insurance companies are getting richer," she said. "We're going to need affordable health care."

The protesters, some dressed in hospital gowns and bandages, marched to the Ritz-Carlton hotel where America's Health Insurance Plans, an association of health insurance companies, was meeting.

"Are you for the insurance companies or for the American people?"

— HOWARD DEAN, FORMER VERMONT GOVERNOR, AT A RALLY URGING CONGRESS TO PASS HEALTH CARE REFORM.

Some chanted, "Hey, hey, ho, ho, Medicare has got to go!" Others held signs that read, "Single-payer now" and "Stop fighting health reform." Some held signs saying "wanted" with the names of major health insurance companies.

D.C. police Assistant Chief Patrick Burke says there were no arrests and the protesters were "well behaved." NAFEESE SYED (AP)

Two-Event Exception To Smoking Ban Sought

Washington

For some, celebrating St. Patrick's Day isn't the same without chomping on a cigar. That's why one city lawmaker is pushing for an exception to the District of Columbia's smoke-free laws for two events.

Councilman Jack Evans proposed an exception for the Society of the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick and another organization, Fight for Children, that hosts an annual boxing fundraiser.

Evans was able to persuade the council to pass a one-year waiver and is now hoping to make the exception permanent. Evans says the emergency measure is for two nights a year, and workers can opt out of working at the events.

Angela Bradbery, co-founder of Smokefree DC, urged the mayor to veto the bill, which she says would force workers to choose between their health and a paycheck. (AP)

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Proof Lacking in Md. Grade-Changing Case

Winston Churchill High unable to name students responsible

Potomac, Md.

A grade-changing scheme at Winston Churchill High School in Potomac involved the gradebooks of 35 teachers and was primarily isolated to the junior class, school officials told several hundred parents at a public meeting Monday night.

Police and school officials have been investigating the security breach in which at least eight students stole teachers' computer passwords using USB key loggers. It wasn't until one teacher noticed



Parents of students at Winston Churchill High School listen on Monday night to Sherwin Collette, chief technology officer for Montgomery County Public Schools.

three suspicious grades in late January that anyone knew students had been logging in and changing grades for several months, said

Principal Joan C. Benz.

The grades of 54 students were changed, but the school system is unable to prove who changed

those grades. The grades of 46 of the students were changed back, rather than lowered, as is done when a student is caught cheating, Benz said.

"There is no way in that computer system to determine who changed that grade," Benz said. All grades for this academic year have since been verified, she said.

Benz said there is no indication that money was involved with the grade changing.

None of the eight students accused of leading the scheme is currently attending classes, Benz said. Three left the school system before they could be disciplined. **JENNA JOHNSON (THE WASHINGTON POST)**

Local Counties Ranked Among Nation's Richest

Leesburg, Va.

Forbes magazines says Loudoun County is the nation's richest. Nine other jurisdictions in the Washington region made the magazine's top 25.

Loudoun is followed on the list by Fairfax County and Howard County, Md. Also among the richest are Arlington, Montgomery and Prince William counties, and the city of Alexandria. George Mason University economist Stephen Fuller tells WTOP that the region is getting richer because unemployment remains relatively low. **(AP)**

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The Nationals' Stephen Strasburg pitches to Tigers leadoff hitter Austin Jackson Tuesday. Strasburg struck out two and didn't allow a run in his first outing of the spring.

Strasburg Sparkles in His Debut

Top pick tosses two scoreless innings as Nats lose yet again

The Nationals

Top prospect Stephen Strasburg made his spring training debut on Tuesday, pitching two scoreless innings in the Washington Nationals' 9-4 loss to the Detroit Tigers.

Strasburg threw 15 of his 27 pitches for strikes and allowed two hits, successive two-out singles by Don Kelly and Alex Avila in the second. But the right-hander finished off Brent Dlugach with a

bending, 81 mph breaking ball for an inning-ending strikeout.

"I just wanted to go out there and throw strikes," Strasburg said. "If they hit it, they hit it. Big deal. I have enough confidence in my stuff that if I can go out there and make them put the ball in play, I've got a great defense behind me that's going to back me up."

Strasburg was selected with the No. 1 overall pick in last year's draft and received a record \$15.1 million, four-year contract from the Nationals. He went 13-1 in his final season with San Diego State, leading Division I pitchers in ERA (1.35) and strikeouts (195

27

The number of pitches Stephen Strasburg threw in two innings Tuesday.

15

The number of strikes thrown by Strasburg, who struggled with control.

98

The speed, in mph, at which Strasburg's fastballs were clocked.

in 109 innings).

Strasburg's fastball against the Tigers was consistently measured in the 97-98 mph range, and he struck out two. He had some problems with location and threw first-pitch strikes to only two of the eight

batters he faced.

"Command wasn't really there, but I think a lot of that had to do with the adrenaline going on," he said. "It's something that happens to me every time — even in college, even in high school. That first outing, there's all this excitement and it's really difficult to control the adrenaline and make sure you're staying nice and relaxed."

Maggio Ordonez and Austin Jackson homered for the Tigers, and Kelly finished with three hits. Rick Porcello yielded two hits in three scoreless innings.

The Nationals fell to 0-7 in exhibition games. (AP)

Browns Cut Ex-Pro Bowler Anderson Loose After Five Years

Pro Football

Quarterback Derek Anderson's uneven five-year stint with the Cleveland Browns is over.

The team released the one-time Pro Bowl quarterback Tuesday, one day after the Browns acquired backup Seneca Wallace in a trade from Seattle.

Anderson made the Pro Bowl in 2007 when he threw 29 touchdown passes and led the club to a 10-6 record. However, his promising career has been in a tailspin ever since. He lost his starting job to Brady Quinn at the beginning of last season, got it back, lost it again, returned to the starting lineup when Quinn got hurt, and won



Derek Anderson threw 29 TDs in 2007.

Cleveland's last two games.

The 26-year-old Anderson spent five seasons with Cleveland, which claimed him off waivers from Baltimore in 2005. Anderson was due a \$2 million roster bonus March 19, and his salary was set for \$7.45 million in 2010, financial burdens that factored heavily into the Browns' decision to dump him. (AP)

Redskins Eye Bryant To Upgrade Receivers

The Redskins

The Redskins apparently are throwing their hat in the ring for one of the top wide receivers available on the free agency market.

Former Bucs receiver Antonio Bryant has scheduled a visit with the Redskins, according to a report in the Tampa Tribune.

Bryant visited Cincinnati on Tuesday, but he'd be playing second fiddle to Chad Ochocinco there. And the Bengals are looking at Terrell Owens, too. It's possible the Redskins could sell Bryant on the idea that he'd be the featured receiver in Washington.

There are certainly some interesting connections that might make the Redskins a good fit for the eight-year veteran. For starters, coach Mike Shanahan likes bigger receivers, and Santana Moss is barely 5-foot-10 (though at 6-foot-1, Bryant is shorter than both Malcolm Kelly and Devin Thomas). And Bruce Allen was the Bucs' general manager when Tampa brought Bryant over in 2008. RICK MAESE (THE WASHINGTON POST)

RETURNS



Antwaan Randle El

often ran in circles while returning punts for the Redskins. Now his career has

gone full circle. The wide receiver/special teams player on Tuesday agreed to a contract with the Pittsburgh Steelers, the team he left to go play for the Redskins four years ago. Washington released Randle El last Thursday. (EXPRESS)

Terrapins Capture ACC's Top Honors

Vasquez wins player of the year; Williams earns coaching prize

Terps Hoops

The University of Maryland claimed two of the ACC's top three annual individual honors Tuesday, as senior guard Greivis Vasquez was named ACC player of the year and Gary Williams was named ACC coach of the year.

This season, Williams and

Vasquez helped lead the Terrapins (23-7, 13-3) to a share of their first regular-season conference championship since 2002 and a No. 2 seed in the ACC tournament.

Vasquez, who received 39 of 53 votes, is the first Maryland player to be awarded conference player of the year honors since Juan Dixon in 2002, which also was the last year in which Williams officially was recognized as the ACC's top coach.

En route to becoming the first Maryland player to make the all-

ACC first team since Steve Blake in 2003, Vasquez averaged 19.6 points, 6.3 assists and 4.6 rebounds per game. He is the only player in the nation averaging at least 18 points and six assists per contest.

Vasquez turned in a horde of stirring performances during ACC play and, consequently, etched his name indelibly into the conference and Maryland record books.

The only ACC player ever to record at least 2,000 career points, 700 career assists and 600 career rebounds, Vasquez has ascend-



Williams

Vasquez

ed to third place on the all-time Maryland scoring list. With 2,122 career points, he remains 27 points behind Len Bias (2,149) for second place and 147 points behind Dixon (2,269) for the top spot.

In his 21st season coaching the Terrapins, Williams guided a squad that was picked to finish fifth in the conference in the pre-season media poll to an undefeated home record in ACC play. The final victory at Comcast Center — a 79-72 win over then-No. 4 Duke on Wednesday — pulled Maryland into a first-place tie with the Blue Devils atop the conference standings.

The two teams would end up sharing the ACC regular-season title. STEVE YANDA (THE WASHINGTON POST)

Monroe Aims to Leave a Lasting Impression

Hoyas Hoops

It was a forgettable performance to close out an even more forgettable season, but Georgetown sophomore Greg Monroe still thinks about his lone postseason appearance as a college basketball player. A top recruit who some thought would immediately jump to the pros, Monroe's 13-point, eight-rebound showing in a 64-59 first-round loss to St. John's at the Big East Tournament that ended the Hoyas' season was a microcosm for an entire year that fell short of expectations.

Now the 6-foot-11 Monroe wants some redemption with No. 22 Georgetown set to take on South Florida at Madison Square Garden to begin its 2010 Big East Tournament Wednesday. With questions circling over whether he'll take his multifaceted talents to the NBA after the Big Dance, this could be Monroe's final chance to vault into the spotlight of March Madness.

"Speaking for myself and probably most of my teammates, I'm very excited," Monroe said. "I've been there, and I know it's only one game, but I'm trying to make a bigger splash this year."

Through the regular season, Monroe has done just that. After closing out his sophomore campaign with a 19-point, 15-rebound



Georgetown sophomore center Greg Monroe is hoping for more success in this Big East tournament than he had in last year's.

Big East Schedule

While the top four seeds get an extra day of rest, here's the second-round lineup, all airing on ESPN.

- Noon: No. 8 Georgetown vs. No. 9 South Florida
- 2 p.m.: No. 5 Marquette vs. No. 13 St. John's
- 7 p.m. No. 7 Notre Dame vs. No. 10 Seton Hall/No. 15 Providence
- 9 p.m. No. 6 Louisville vs. No. 11 Cincinnati/No. 14 Rutgers

showing during a 74-47 beat-down of Cincinnati Saturday, he's increased his averages to 16 points and 9.6 rebounds per game.

His rare mix of vision, versatility, height and athleticism — which has drawn comparisons to Lamar Odom all while early mock drafts project him as a top-10 pick in June's NBA Draft — earned Monroe first team All-Big East honors earlier this week. Opposing coaches simply rave about the matchup problems he presents.

There are still concerns, though, about his sometimes passive nature. NBA scouts want to see Monroe take over games on a consistent basis, despite the balanced nature of John Thompson III's variation on the Princeton offense. But the biggest question — whether the next few weeks are Monroe's last to prove the naysayers wrong — remains to be seen.

"I am not looking past the Big East right now," Monroe said. MARK GIANNOTTO

In Brief

AUTO RACING
Edwards Gets Probation After Causing Wreck

Sticking with its "boys, have at it" attitude, NASCAR placed Carl Edwards on three-race probation Tuesday for his deliberate wreck with Brad Keselowski in last weekend's race at Atlanta. The punishment means Edwards will still be able to race in both the Sprint Cup and Nationwide series but will be monitored by NASCAR through the April 10 race at Phoenix. (AP)

BASEBALL
Twins' Nathan Out With Torn Elbow Ligament

Minnesota Twins All-Star closer Joe Nathan has a torn ligament in his throwing elbow. General Manager Bill Smith says the plan is to rest Nathan for two weeks, eliminate the soreness and build strength in his elbow before making any decisions about surgery. (AP)

COLLEGE FOOTBALL
Pinstripe Bowl Unveiled

The first Pinstripe Bowl will be played at Yankee Stadium on Dec. 30 and will be televised by ESPN. The game will include the No. 3 team in the Big East and the No. 6 school in the Big 12, excluding Bowl Championship Series participants. (AP)

Sports

Capitals Compete For Playing Time



The Capitals

When last week's NHL trade deadline came and went and the Washington Capitals ended up snagging four new players while giving up just one of their own, the team was lauded for cementing itself as one of the favorites to compete for the Stanley Cup.

One offshoot, though, is a numbers game that has forced some Capitals stalwarts to swallow their pride down the stretch. Washington now has 15 forwards and eight defensemen on its active roster, but only 12 forwards and six defensemen typically suit up during any given NHL game.

That means established NHL veterans such as Brendan Morrison, Tomas Fleischmann, David Steckel, Matt Bradley, Scott Walker, Shane Morrisonn and Boyd Gordon, among others, have found themselves in the press box at some point during the Capitals' four games since the Olympic break ended.

"If you don't play well, you're probably not gonna play," said Gordon.

Thus far, coach Bruce Boudreau has been a scientist of sorts, experimenting with different lines now that he has so many options. Known for frequent line changes,



Boyd Gordon (15), among other veterans, has been scratched more often recently.

Boudreau has kept the Capitals' top line of Alex Ovechkin, Nicklas Backstrom, and Mike Knuble intact but has altered just about everything else at least once.

On Monday night when Dallas erased a 2-0 third-period deficit and ended the Capitals' 14-game home winning streak with a 4-3 shootout victory, the healthy scratches were Fleischmann, Walker, Morrisonn, Quintin Laing and Tyler Sloan. On Wednesday, when the Capitals host Carolina at Verizon Center, it will likely be a new set of players.

When asked whether he considered bruised egos when he made the trades last week, General Manager George McPhee was blunt, saying, "We could have moved them to teams that aren't in the playoffs."

MARK GIANNOTTO

TV Lineup

CAPITALS (7 P.M., CSN+) The Caps seek to start a new home winning streak against the Carolina Hurricanes.

BIG EAST HOOPS (NOON, 2 P.M., 7 P.M., 9 P.M., ESPN) Second-round action from the Big East tournament in New York.

MEN'S COLLEGE HOOPS (7 P.M., 9 P.M., ESPN2; 11 P.M., CSN) Robert Morris plays Quinnipiac for the Northeast Conference title, and a champion in the Big Sky Conference will be crowned. Then, Oregon tips off against Washington State in the Pac 10 tournament.

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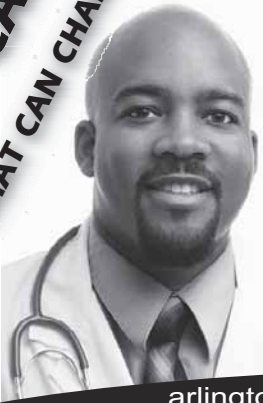
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Off the Cuffs



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To Beat the Bland

After a long, late Oscar night, I met a friend Monday for caffeine and a recap. We covered the highs (Sandy Bullock, so cute) and the lows (Why was George Clooney acting like a jerky jock in a high school assembly?). And then, the big question: "Who," my pal asked, "wins Best Dressed?"



By Betsy Lowther

Pause. Long pause. In the sea of strapless Cinderella dresses (Miley, Penelope et al), and strapless columns (Maggie G., Kate Winslet, etc.), no one great gown really stood out. I flirted briefly with

naming Sarah Jessica Parker's daring Chanel sack dress, which should be commended for its originality if not for its look. (Butter yellow? Ick.) Finally: "Meryl Streep looked good, except for her hair," I said. My friend agreed: "It was very pretty and age-appropriate."

And so puts a cap on awards season 2010, when benign traits like, sigh, "age-appropriate" win the style game. Has the red carpet become so routine that we're no longer bowled over by a beautiful dress? Or has A-list status become so tenuous that stars play it way too safe? In any case, in a night made extra-exciting by the unexpected sweep by "The Hurt Locker," what a disappointment that there was no fashion equivalent.

Something for the Kids

Mayer Hawthorne serenades a younger generation with his hip twist on soul

Music

Singer, rapper and overall musical jack-of-all-trades Mayer Hawthorne may have been speaking on the phone from a hotel in Tokyo, but that didn't keep him from eating an all-American meal. "Eat a balanced breakfast every morning," Hawthorne advised. "I just ordered eggs, pancakes, sausage, toast and orange juice."

And if there's one thing Hawthorne (real name: Andrew Mayer Cohen) is looking forward to before his show at the Rock and Roll Hotel tonight, it's getting grub at U Street's legendary local spot. "I can, and need, to hit up Ben's Chili Bowl," he said.

Hawthorne has good taste — both culinarily and musically — thanks to his childhood. He grew up in Ann Arbor, Mich., in a home filled with soul music both his parents loved.

By adding touches of hip-hop, rock and reggae to the classic sounds of Motown, Hawthorne has generated a small but devoted following. No, his Twitter digits aren't superstar numbers (he has about 10,000 followers), but since his album, "A Strange Arrangement," came out in September, some high-profile folks have been taking notice.

For example, both Starbucks and Kanye West showed their solidarity with the crooner when they



STONES THROW RECORDS

Mayer Hawthorne is teaching the youngins how to appreciate an old-school genre.

In Review

Speedy Does It



Rolling Stone's review of "A Strange Arrangement"

ment" praises Hawthorne at his fastest. "The two best tunes are up-tempo," Christian Hoard writes. "The killer-chorused 'Your Easy Lovin' Ain't Pleasin' Nothin' and 'One Track Mind,' a Temptations-style plaint about a high-maintenance lady that you'll swear you've heard on an oldies station — and liked." (EXPRESS)

highlighted his music in October: The coffee giant chose his song "Just Ain't Gonna Work Out" as its iTunes Pick of the Week on Oct. 13, and West featured the song "When I Said Goodbye" in his short film with Spike Jonze, "We Were Once a Fairytale," which was leaked on the Internet on Oct. 18.

"What I'm trying to do with this soul music is ... honor the original Detroit soul but also update it," Hawthorne said. "I think a lot of kids, they might choose not to listen to it because they feel like it's more music of a previous generation. So, I'm bringing ... young blood into that music and bringing it to 2010 and making it fun again." **ROXANA HADADI**

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top stops

1 Up and Comin'

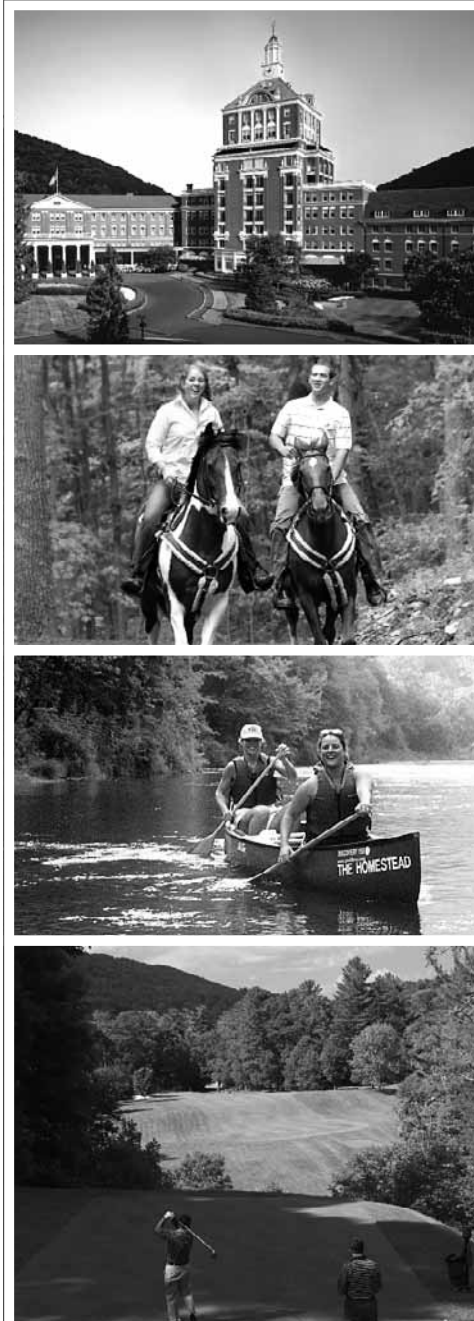
Ben Kronberg isn't a famous comic — yet. He's been on television a few times, but his messy hair and monotonous delivery — simultaneously hilarious and creepy — aren't cultural icons or anything. It's always nice to say you were ahead of the pack, so check him out before he gets famous and starts having cocaine-fueled rage fits onstage and punching his audience members. **F.Z. Palace of Wonders, 1210 H St. NE; 9 p.m., \$10; 202-398-7469, Palaceofwonders.com.**

2 Grid Lock

Nine artists have converged on Irvine Contemporary to share works inspired by the idea of being on or off "the grid." The grid, of course, being that great network that connects us all through electricity and the Internet, kind of like the new version of the Force. **F.Z. Irvine Contemporary, 1412 14th St. NW; through March 20, free; 202-332-8767, Irvinecontemporary.com. (U St.-Cardozo)**

3 Blood Relations

"Nosferatu" is our favorite vampire classic — a silent film about a long-fingernailed blood-sucker who's even creepier than Dracula. The movie is often accompanied by a live orchestra, but the American Art Museum's showing Thursday is extra-special: Thad Wilson's Jazz Orchestra has put together an original score that it'll play during the screening. Don't miss it. **F.Z. Smithsonian American Art Museum, 8th and F streets NW; Thu., 6:30 p.m., free; 202-633-1000, Americanart.si.edu. (Gallery Place)**



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The Richter Wail

Conan's sidekick shares his feelings on NBC's missteps

Television

Andy Richter, Conan O'Brien's sidekick on "The Tonight Show," is acknowledging some ill will toward NBC and Jay Leno in the wake of the network's late-night upheaval.

"Why wouldn't I?" said Richter, who was filling in Tuesday for Regis Philbin on "Live! With Regis and Kelly."

Richter told Kelly Ripa he was frustrated that Leno was allowed to reclaim "The Tonight Show" host chair just nine months after O'Brien had inherited that plum assignment.

"NBC, definitely, everybody said they were going to do something and they didn't," said Richter, implying the network broke long-standing commitments it made to O'Brien.

O'Brien left NBC and "Tonight" in January amid complaints by NBC of low ratings. NBC had proposed reinstating Leno in the 11:35 p.m. slot and bumping O'Brien back a half-hour.

O'Brien's future is unclear. So is Richter's, though he said, for now, he's still an NBC employee, "so, we'll see if those checks keep coming."

He called a rumored live con-



CHRIS PIZZELLO/AP

Andy Richter's mad at NBC, and he's not afraid to tell Kelly Ripa all about it.

"I guess I'm really good at getting kicked off the air, because that's what I've been doing for 10 years."

cert tour for O'Brien and company "a distinct possibility."

It all ended much quicker than he could have imagined, said Richter, who figured his "Tonight" job was "as good as it gets in show business."

He said he figured "I'm a tenured professor of show business now," but quickly learned otherwise. "I guess I'm really good at getting kicked off the air, because it's what I've been doing for the last 10 years." **FRAZIER MOORE (AP)**

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1. Almost Alice by Various Artists



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The Bells Toll

Mouse and Mercer
join forces for a new
two-man project

CD Review

In 2006, it might have seemed premature to dub Brian Burton — aka Danger Mouse — “The DJ. Auteur,” as one New York Times Magazine piece did.

Four years later, it couldn’t seem more appropriate.

“I want to create a director’s role within music,” the DJ/producer told Chuck Klosterman. In the dozen-odd albums he’s produced (the Black Keys, Beck, the Short-wave Set) or collaborated on since Gnarls Barkley’s debut, Burton’s done just that.

Like one of his favorite directors, Woody Allen, Burton’s albums are distinctively his — from the way the drums and bass sound to his trademark organ and synth swirls.

So it’s interesting to find out one of the reasons Burton teamed up with Shins mastermind James Mercer — a notorious introvert when it comes to writing — to form the group Broken Bells was to gain more control.

Perhaps Burton needed another outlet — such as Gnarls Barkley — where it was his name on the marquee and he wasn’t just another hired gun.

On first listen, Broken Bells’ self-titled debut doesn’t sound much different than Burton’s past work. Repeated spins, how-



By combining powers, Danger Mouse and James Mercer are Broken Bells.



Broken Bells
Broken Bells

ever, reveal a much denser album — one that finds Burton referencing his hip-hop past and his love for ’60s pop.

For Mercer, the collaboration seems more therapeutic than anything. His writing throughout is that of a man paranoid and frustrated. “Does anybody else feel my fear?” he sings on “Your Head Is on Fire.”

“Broken Bells” isn’t anything revolutionary; it’s just two guys who are damn good at what they do working together. And with both artists saying they’re already at work on a follow-up, and a tour planned for later this spring, it’ll be exciting to see where this project goes. **RUDI GREENBERG (EXPRESS)**

Celebrity Vanity Project



One Talent = All Talents!

Welcome the latest celebrity children’s author, **Hilary Duff**. Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers said Tuesday the actress-singer will work on a series of young adult novels that starts with “Elixir,” to be published in October. The first novel will feature the worldwide adventures of photojournalist Clea Raymond. Duff also plans a nonfiction book about children coping with divorce, scheduled for release in 2012. **(AP)**

TV tonight **lookout**

Best Bets

FX
8:00

Superbad This 2007 comedy scored great reviews. Seth and Evan (Michael Cera, right) decide that as high-school seniors, the time has come to lose their virginity. Tomfoolery and ineptness ensue. Christopher Mintz-Plasse is hilarious as the buddy known as "McLovin."


CBS
8:00

The New Adventures of Old Christine Those who can, do, and those who can't wind up making fools of themselves a lot of the time, as Christine proves when she tries to teach Ritchie's class some street smarts but ends up stranded at a subway station.

TVLAND
10:00


First Love, Second Chance

The network's newest original brings together former flames, then sends them back home to think it over and then make up — or break up again. First up: Garry and Star Lynn, left.

A&E
10:30

Billy the Exterminator In the second-season premiere of this series formerly known as "The Exterminators," the dead aren't resting peacefully at the Boone Funeral Home — because a rattlesnake is loose in the crematorium. Billy and Rick search for the snake, but it finds them first — and it's a mean one! (TRIBUNE MEDIA)


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Hot on Fame's Trail

HIGH SOCIETY
CW
9:30

The new show "High Society" follows Manhattan socialite Tinsley Mortimer, a recently divorced blonde given to unpacking boxes in 6-inch Prada heels. She's not to be confused with her sister, Dabney Mercer, equally blond. "High Society" seems like a scripted series masquerading as a documentary. But, apparently, these creatures and their press clippings are for real.

KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

Competition



Strike a Pose

Cycle 14 of "America's Next Top Model" (8 p.m., CW) premieres with a special 90-minute episode — or maybe it only seems longer because tedious Perez Hilton makes a guest appearance — as 33 semifinalists compete for the coveted 13 slots that will allow them to move into the New York loft together. Fashionista Andre Leon Talley joins Tyra Banks and Nigel Barker on the judges panel in "Be My Friend, Tyra!" (TRIBUNE MEDIA)

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Virginia Is for History Lovers

Museum exhibits highlight the state's rich, colorful past

Attractions

It looked like a fossilized animal dropping on red fabric inside a black-frame box. I wondered, "Why do people keep things like that?" Then I read the handwritten description: "Original Civil War twists of tobacco from the tobacco warehouse in Richmond." Aha.

Near the box with the twists stood tins of Pride of Virginia chewing tobacco and relics of tobacco's legacy, such as a cigarette pack depicting a child smoker and brands with such names as Bad Habit and Consummate Ass. Talk about truth in labeling — and this was before smoking was acknowledged as a health hazard.

I was in the "Virginians at Work" exhibit at the Virginia Historical Society's Center for Virginia History in Richmond, drawn by the society's decision, in a recession concession, to waive the museum's \$5 admission fee for 2010. I couldn't help thinking that was a real gift, because there's much more here than you can absorb in a single visit.

The entire span of Virginia's history — from the Powhatan Indians to immigrants to the Civil War and beyond — is explored in the museum's 200,000 square feet, about



The Virginia Historical Society has waived the museum's \$5 admission fee this year. Artifacts span the state's long history.

the size of a Wal-Mart. There are silver punch ladles, arrowheads, tree-trunk canoes and Confederate rifles. There'd be more on Dolley Madison, the wife of our fourth president, but apparently she sold things to stay out of the poorhouse. There are interactive displays and Colonial costumes to don. Artifacts are often displayed at children's (or short adults') eye level.

That's because children are among the museum's best customers. About 11,000 schoolkids, mostly fourth-graders — the level at which Virginia history is intro-

Freaky Show

Extensive as its exhibits are, it turns out not everything the museum owns is on display. James C. Kelly, the director of museums, is working on a June display of what he calls weird things:

- ▶ "Slovenly Peter," an 1860s hygiene book "about a little boy who let his fingernails grow too long."
- ▶ A cast of Daniel Boone's skull.
- ▶ A flier promoting an 1872 joust.
- ▶ James Madison's queue, or pigtail, made into a bracelet. (TWP)

duced in the public school curriculum — visited in 2009.

Many of last year's 52,583 visitors no doubt came to see the memorabilia of such famous Virginians as Lee and Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson, whose piercing eyes, in William Carl Brown's 1866 portrait, followed me as I moved about the room. The museum doesn't shy away from slavery, either. It's mentioned throughout, including in an exhibit, running through April 11, on abolitionist John Brown's famous raid on Harper's Ferry. SUE KOVACH SHUMAN (FOR THE WASHINGTON POST)

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WHEN: June 19 and Sept. 4, 2010; June 18 and Sept. 3, 2011.

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Jamaica Details Plans for Music Museum

Museums

Jamaica plans to open a music museum next year that officials say will feature rare pieces from the island's music history, such as the sole album that the late reggae star Bob Marley produced before he gained international fame.

Artifacts will include a cassette tape in which another reggae great,



One of Bob Marley's albums will be on display at Jamaica's music museum.

Peter Tosh, jams a blues song with Mick Jagger and Keith Richards of the Rolling Stones, museum curator Herbie Miller said Sunday.

The tape was recorded in June 1977 in New York City, said Miller, who was Tosh's former manager.

It will be placed alongside the album "Escape From Babylon" by American singer Martha Velez that Marley produced in 1976.

The museum is requesting donations to help preserve Jamaica's vibrant music history. The island's music preservation took a major hit two years ago when officials discovered that a massive collection of 1970s music, including original recordings by Marley and Tosh, disappeared from the archives of the former Jamaica Broadcasting Corp. (AP)

SPiCE WHiRL

No matter where you hang your chef's hat, seasoning blends probably lurk in your pantry, zipping up the taste and looks of almost anything they dust. In the mid-Atlantic, we love to sprinkle crabs (and french fries, rockfish fillets and creamy soups) with Old Bay, a mélange of celery salt, pepper, mustard and paprika. In Louisiana, Bloody Marys and blackened fish often get kicked up a few notches by Lawry's Seasoned Salt. Cooks have experimented with their spices since prehistoric times, a culinary cross-pollination that's resulted in time-saving blends. "Some flavors play well with each other, which is why these mixes came to be," says India-born, D.C.-based food writer Monica Bhide, author of "Modern Spice" (\$25, Simon & Schuster). "With a blend, you don't have to stand in your kitchen and grind seven different spices. It's something ready to go." Here are five such globe-trotting combos, plus what pros suggest you do with them. **JENNIFER BARGER (EXPRESS)**



Herbes de Provence

A combination of oregano, basil, thyme, sage, savory, rosemary and, sometimes, lavender.

Origin: Southern France

Taste: "It's got a subtle flavor, sort of a shortcut to Mediterranean cuisine," says Paris food blogger Clotilde Dusoulier of Chocolateandzucchini.com.

Traditional Use: This garden-to-table blend has starred in chicken, fish and veggie dishes for centuries. It's close amie: potatoes gratin (aka scalloped potatoes). "It's also good with goat cheese," says Dusoulier. "Cut some chevre, lay it on slices of bread, toast in the oven and sprinkle the herbs on."

New Wave Use: "Make vanilla and Herbes de Provence ice cream," says Dusoulier. "Infuse the milk you use with the herbs for five minutes."

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Five Spice

Considered a culinary yin and yang of sorts, it features equal proportions of ground Szechuan pepper, fennel seed, cinnamon, star anise and cloves.

Origin: China, popular throughout Asia
Taste: Combines disparate tastes — spicy, sweet, bitter and pungent. A dish cooked with the stuff smells both familiar (Grandma's cookies) and exotic.

Traditional Use: Stars in meat dishes like Peking Duck. "Five spice's fragrance takes the edge off fishy dishes like fried squid," says Susur Lee, executive chef at Zentan (1155 14th St. NW; 202-379-4366).

New Wave Use: The cinnamon-clove double threat means five spice works well in fruit desserts or gingerbread.

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Adobo

It can range from a thick sauce to a spice rub; it generally meshes dried chilies, onion, garlic, cloves and oregano.

Origin: South and Central America and the Caribbean, where there are as many adobos as there are islands

Taste: Salty, spicy and piquant, and in Mexican cooking, often tangy, since it's traditionally mixed with vinegar there.

Traditional Use: "Use adobo rubs as meat marinades. The longer you leave them on, the softer the meat," says Patricia Jinich, a D.C. food writer/teacher who offers Mexican cooking classes (Patismexicantable.com) at the Mexican Cultural Institute.

New Wave Use: Marinate tofu in adobo to create vegetarian fajitas.

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Garam Masala

A mash-up of peppercorns, cloves, cumin, cardamom, bay leaves, long peppers and coriander seeds whose name means "hot mixture" in Hindi.

Origin: India and Pakistan

Taste: Spiced (though not necessarily spicy), cinnamony and quite aromatic
Traditional Use: "Garam masala adds extra oomph to rice and vegetables, or use it in a curry or chicken biryani," says D.C.-based, India-bred food writer Monica Bhide.

New Wave Use: "Sprinkle it on plain yogurt, or use it when you roast a chicken," Bhide says. But you should go for just a little — maybe 2 tsp for 3 or 4 pounds of meat, lest you overwhelm the dish.

Buy It: \$3 for 6 oz., Allworld Groceries, 334-B E. Maple Ave., Vienna, Va.; 703-938-3400



Za'atar

A blend of sesame seeds, salt, thyme and sumac that looks, until used on food, a bit like someone's stash.

Origin: Middle East and North Africa

Taste: "It's got a very earthy, tangy taste and gives a nice texture to things," says Mike Isabella, chef at Zaytinya (701 9th St. NW; 202-638-0800).

Traditional Use: When you eat a hot piece of pita at a kebab house, it's often flecked with za'atar; the stuff also headlines in hummus and yogurt dips.

New Wave Use: "I'd mix it into a vinaigrette to make it really nice and tangy," says Isabella. "Or put it on roast lamb or fish after you've cooked it. Za'atar is a nice touch instead of bread crumbs, and it adds crunch."

Buy It: \$4.50 for a small bag, Al-Nakheel Market, 340 Maple Ave. W., Vienna, Va.; 703-938-4220

Poll Center

Today's Question

DO YOU THINK COLLEGES SHOULD BAN THE USE OF LAPTOPS IN CLASSROOMS?

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Yesterday's Results

DO YOU BELIEVE ERIC MASSA'S CONSPIRACY CLAIMS ABOUT HIS EXIT FROM CONGRESS?



“Absolutely not. He’s changed his story three times in the past three days.”

COMMENTER GORILLA

“It is very difficult to get three people in Washington to agree on anything, let alone three Democrats.”

COMMENTER MILDLY MISANTHROPIC

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“While [Dan] Rather may not have been being intentionally racist, one has to wonder what the reaction would be if a conservative had used similar language on the show.”

— GEOFFREY DICKENS OF **NEWSBUSTERS.ORG** IS STUNNED THAT MORE ISN'T BEING MADE OF THE FORMER CBS NEWS ANCHOR'S COMMENT ON "THE CHRIS MATTHEWS SHOW" OVER THE WEEKEND. REFERRING TO THE PRESIDENT'S ABILITY TO GET HEALTH CARE PASSED, RATHER SAID THAT OBAMA "COULDN'T SELL WATERMELONS IF YOU GAVE HIM THE STATE TROOPERS TO FLAG DOWN THE TRAFFIC."



“There are a handful of events that hip-hop fans will always remember, like the first time they heard ‘Fear of a Black Planet.’ March 9 is one of those days, as it will forever be remembered as the day that The Notorious B.I.G. died after being gunned down in [L.A.].”

— **NEWSROOM.MTV.COM** PAYS HOMAGE TO THE RAPPER, WHOSE REAL NAME WAS CHRISTOPHER WALLACE, ON THE ANNIVERSARY OF HIS 1997 DEATH.



“Remember when NBC was befuddled by the success of ‘Lazy Sunday’ on YouTube and tried to pull down the first viral hit? Eons ago, in Internet time. And now, of course, every TV program goes out of its way to create viral clips.”

— **MEDIAMEMO.ALLTHINGS.D.COM** REFLECTS ON THE NOTION THAT THE “SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE” DIGITAL SHORT SPAWNED THE CREATION OF HULU. CHRIS PARNELL AND ANDY SAMBERG PERFORMED THE HIT SONG “LAZY SUNDAY” LIVE FOR THE FIRST TIME ON “LATE NIGHT WITH JIMMY FALLON” MONDAY NIGHT.

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Horoscope

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) By looking beneath the surface you can uncover some information that enables you to comprehend certain developments more clearly.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You'll find yourself asking more questions than usual — and, fortunately, late in the day, the answers come flooding to you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) It's important to be objective, but you'll not be able to reserve judgment altogether as you examine what goes on around you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You may unearth a little piece of your history that takes you by surprise — and answers a few key questions you've had.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Are you sure that you want things to continue along their current path? You can change direction simply by making one small change.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) It's time to take one of your favorite issues straight to the top. You'll be in a position to demand that someone be fully accountable.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Instead of wondering what happened to you, start recognizing how you played a major role in the events that are concerning you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Long ago, you swore you would never forget — and, at last, you may have the opportunity to right an old wrong.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You don't want to pull up short of the mark. Keep things going as long as you can — until you reach a logical stopping point.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) You may be seeking an easier way to reach certain goals, but in order to maximize your rewards, you're going to have to endure some hardship.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) There is a lot you can do to protect yourself and those in your care. Be sure that you don't lose sight of your true motives.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Your reputation may be on the line at some point, but you're ready to do what is necessary to keep things moving in the right direction.

Scrabble Grams

PAR SCORE 140-150, BEST SCORE 209

E ₁	O ₁	S ₁	S ₁	S ₁	T ₁	H ₄

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RACK 1

O ₁	O ₁	T ₁	L ₁	N ₁	C ₃	T ₁

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RACK 2

A ₁	E ₁	E ₁	I ₁	H ₄	C ₃	P ₃

Double Word Score

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RACK 3

E ₁	E ₁	O ₁	N ₁	T ₁	P ₃	C ₃

2nd Letter Triple

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RACK 4

Yesterday's Solution

H ₄	Y ₄	M ₃	N ₁	I ₁	S ₁	T ₁
S ₁	C ₃	R ₁	I ₁	P ₃	T ₁	
P ₃	I ₁	T ₁	E ₁	O ₁	U ₁	S ₁
C ₃	E ₁	N ₁	T ₁	A ₁	U ₁	R ₁

PAR SCORE 140-150 TOTAL 226

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Sudoku

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			4				5
6	1		2				9

Yesterday's Solution

2	3	4	5	6	1	8	7	9
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4	1	3	6	2	8	9	5	7
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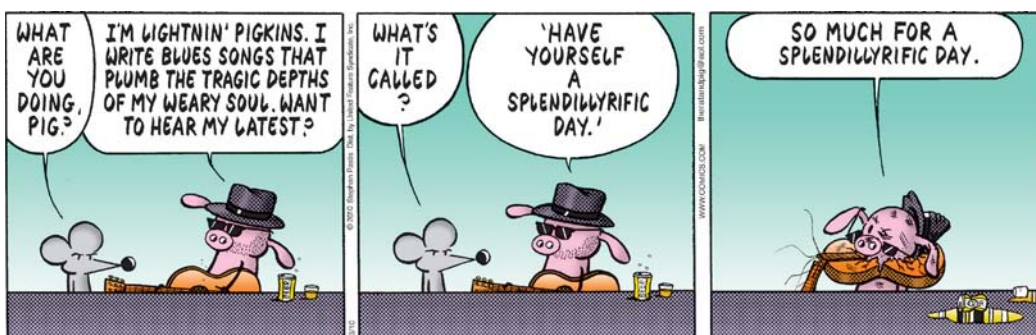
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Today: Mostly cloudy today and tonight.

61 | 53

Tomorrow: Cloudy tomorrow and tomorrow night with a bit of rain.

Looking Ahead

FRI SAT SUN
64 | 51 66 | 46 58 | 42

Sun and Moon

Sunrise today: 6:28 a.m.
Sunset today: 6:10 p.m.
Moonrise today: 3:38 a.m.
Moonset today: 1:29 p.m.

Almanac

Normal high: 53
Record high: 80
Normal low: 35
Record low: 16

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CELEBRITIES WHO WEAR GLASSES Lisa Loeb, Tina Fey Busy; John Lennon Is Dead

"American Idol" finalist Danny Gokey has signed a two-year marketing agreement with an optical company from his home state to promote its glasses. The contract with Wisconsin Vision calls for Gokey to wear up to 60 pairs of the company's glasses, be featured in television and outdoor advertising in Wisconsin and make personal in-store appearances.

This is Gokey's first long-term endorsement deal. (AP)

INNARDS

Live Broadcast Proves No Use of Stunt Intestine

"Early Show" anchor Harry Smith is scheduled to have a live colonoscopy Wednesday, the first time an anchor has done so on network TV. "CBS Evening News" anchor Katie Couric will be with Smith as he prepares for the procedure. They are recognizing National Colorectal Cancer Awareness month. Taped reports of Couric's colonoscopy aired in 2000. (AP)



This photo was taken at the exact moment Harry was awarded the colon beat.



Kate's Hair

You Know What's Cheaper? A WIG

Kate Gosselin's \$7,000 hair extensions are being removed to give her a new look for her "Dancing With the Stars" debut, Radaronline.com reported. She'll have short hair for one day, then more extensions. "We're actually doing three different shades of blonde, a caramel, a beige blond and a little bit of a lighter blonde," said Gosselin's stylist, Ted Gibson. (EXPRESS)



The babies in the ad also had two eyes, a nose and a mouth. Sue them all!

THE ONE-NAMED

Delusions of Grandeur

Lindsay Lohan has filed a \$100 million lawsuit claiming that a character in an E-Trade television commercial is modeled after her. Talking babies in the ad engage in chatter that refers to "milkaholic Lindsay." (Or "Lindsey" — the spelling is not specified.) Lohan's name was never mentioned, but her New York lawyer contends that "Lindsay" is an equally recognizable moniker for her client — like that of Oprah or Madonna. Lohan's legal team is seeking an injunction to stop future airings. (AP)



FRIENDSHIP

Platonic Ideal of Love Found in Fawning Quotes

Jessica Simpson and Billy Corgan have both addressed their alleged romance, saying they are good friends. "I think if people knew her like I knew her, they would love her like I do," Corgan told Rolling Stone. "It's really simple." Simpson called Corgan "a very, very dear friend" on Monday. "I can't find enough words to speak about Billy," she said. (EXPRESS)

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